

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 78-140 are pending.

The Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 78-109 and 114-135 contain allowable subject matter is noted, with appreciation.

The claims have been amended above, without prejudice, to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 113 and 138-140 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 78-112 and 114-137 will be pending upon entry of the present Amendment.

The Section 112, first and second paragraph, rejections of claims 78 and 136 are obviated by the above amendments. The claims have been amended to delete the term objected to by the Examiner.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 137 is obviated by the above amendments. Specifically, claim 137 has been amended above as suggested by the Examiner.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 110-113 stated in § 9 of the Office Action dated September 15, 2006 is submitted to be obviated by the above amendments.

Claims 110-112 have been amended to include the definition of R in claim 113, which is submitted to be definite. The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 110-112 is obviated by the above amendments.

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The Section 112, first paragraph, rejections of claims 138-140 will be moot upon entry of the present Amendment.

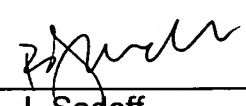
Entry of the present Amendment and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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